

Washington, DC – Today, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that AVANCE – San Antonio had been awarded \$2.1 million for early education programs as part of a competitive grant created under the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#) . Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) congratulated AVANCE – San Antonio on this honor.

“Investing in early childhood education is not just the right thing to do,” said Congressman Gonzalez, “it’s also good for our community. AVANCE – San Antonio is helping to prepare our children to make the most of their educations and of their lives, laying the groundwork for their future success.”

The [Early Head Start ARRA Expansion Grant Project](#) was created in April to use funds from the recovery act to make early childhood education for children under three years old. The [Early Head Start](#) program was created nearly 25 years ago after scientific research demonstrated the vital role that care in the first three years of life play in a child’s development. The RAND Corporation has estimated the return on a dollar invested in early childhood education [as high as \\$17.08](#)

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Since 1973, [AVANCE](#) has worked with families across Texas to “to progress in this world and make a better life for their children and their family.” Though founded in Dallas, it has been headquartered in San Antonio since 1974. [AVANCE – San Antonio](#) helps parents in San Antonio to secure the best educations and opportunities for their children.

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